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We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and  
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1. Abstract and Specification ( 38 pages, 27 claims)
2. Formal Drawings ( 20 sheets)

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